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SUBJ: FUTURE OF UNFICYP

REFS: NICOSIA 2203, 2200

1. GOT EMBASSY COUNSELOR GUVENDIREN CALLED ON CYP DIRECTOR TO ELICIT INFO ON NUMBER UNFICYP TROOPS TRANSFERRED TO UNEF AND ON TROOP REPLACEMENT QUESTION. GUVENDIREN EXPRESSED CONCERN RE REPLACEMENT OF TROOPS AND ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION OF SYG'S ALLEGED ASSURANCES THAT TROOPS WOULD BE REPLACED.

2. CYP DIRECTOR SUPPLIED FACTS ON TROOP MOVEMENTS AND SAID USG UNAWARE THAT SYG HAS TAKEN FINAL DECISION ON REPLACEMENT QUESTION, BUT THAT WE INFORMED SOME TROOPS (I.E., SWEDISH) WERE BEING AT LEAST PARTIALLY REPLACED. FOLLOWING
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POINTS ALSO MADE:

A. 10 PERCENT UNFICYP REDUCTION NOW UNDER WAY AND TO BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER.

B. SYG ACTIVELY STUDYING ADVISABILITY FURTHER 14 PERCENT REDUCTION FOR MAY 1974.

C. USG STRONGLY FAVORS THESE REDUCTIONS BECAUSE THEY WILL HELP ELIMINATE UNFICYP DEFICIT WITHOUT IMPAIRING ITS ABILITY TO PERFORM ACTUAL ROLE OF OBSERVER-MEDIATOR.

D. TRANSFERS OF UNFICYP TROOPS TO UNEF ROUGHLY EQUAL TOTAL PHASE I AND PHASE II REDUCTIONS.

E. IT IS POSSIBLE SYG MIGHT TAKE ADVANTAGE THIS OCCASION TO EFFECT PHASE II REDUCTIONS PREVIOUSLY BEING CONSIDERED FOR SPRING.

3. DEPARTMENT GATHERS FROM REFTELS AND USDAO NICOSIA REPORTING THAT INTERESTED PARTIES ON CYPRUS INCLUDING MOST UNFICYP OFFICERS RELAXED CONCERNING EMERGENCY RUN DOWN OF UNFICYP WITH EXCEPTION OF FORCE COMMANDER PREM CHAND.

4. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES EMERGENCY REDUCTION OF UNFICYP PRESENTS GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE PERSONNEL AND COST REDUCTIONS WHICH WOULD PUT UNFICYP ON SELF-FINANCING BASIS AND BRING NUMBERS INTO LINE WITH REALITIES OF OBSERVER-MEDIATOR FUNCTION. BELIEVE IT WILL BE USEFUL TO MAKE OUR VIEWS KNOWN AT ALL APPROPRIATE UN SECRETARIAT LEVELS INCLUDING UN SYG WALDHEIM. WE THINK SUCH AN INITIATIVE WILL BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IF UNFICYP (EXCEPT FOR PREM CHAND) ALSO THINKING ALONG SAME LINE (PARA 7, NICOSIA 2203). BEFORE TAKING SUCH STEP, HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS OF INTERESTED POSTS PARTICULARLY NICOSIA AND USUN. KISSINGER

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